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## Complex Sentence Quiz

Directions: Read the information and fill in the blank.

1. Simple sentences have \_\_\_\_\_ independent clause(s).  
(how many)
2. Compound sentences have \_\_\_\_\_ independent clause(s).
3. Complex sentences have \_\_\_\_\_ independent clause(s) and \_\_\_\_\_ dependent clause(s).
4. What type of clause CAN stand alone? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What type of clause CANNOT stand alone? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Both types of clauses must have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Example sentence #1: Kathy stayed home because she had a fever.**

7. The clause that cannot stand alone in example sentence #1 is:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Example sentence #2: If the weather is nice, Sally likes to jog.**

8. The clause that cannot stand alone in example sentence #2 is:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Example sentence #3: I will sleep until the alarm rings.**

9. The dependent clause in example sentence #3 is:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. The verb in the dependent clause in example sentence #3 is \_\_\_\_\_.

11. The head word of the subject of the dependent clause in example 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Example sentence #4: While running quickly, Paul got a cramp.**

12. The first group of words in example sentence #4 is not a dependent clause because it does not have a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Example sentence #5: I love to cook although it takes time.**

13. The subordinating conjunction in example sentence #5 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Example sentence #6: The girls won't come unless you call them.**

14. In example sentence #6, unless is the \_\_\_\_\_.

15. In example sentence #6, unless shows the relationship between the \_\_\_\_\_ clause and the \_\_\_\_\_ clause.

**Example sentence #7: The turkey is not thawed because we forgot to take it out of the freezer.**

16. The subordinating conjunction in example sentence #7 is \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The subordinating conjunction shows the \_\_\_\_\_ between the dependent clause and the independent clause.

**In the following sentences, underline the independent clause with two lines and the dependent clause with one line.**

18. I will go to the store after I make a shopping list.

19. When he eats his food, the dog gets meat all over his face.

20. Since she is my closest friend, I will buy something special for her birthday.

**Put commas where they are required in the sentences below. If a sentence does not need a comma, leave it as it is.**

21. My dad will be happy if I get good grades this semester.

22. Since Jason is a good student he will probably get all A's.

23. I never would have believed it if I had not seen it.

24. The car was fine before the wreck.

25. After they went skating the guys went out for a pizza.

26. Once the work was done the four teenagers went for a ride.

**Put commas or semicolons in the following sentences if they are needed. If the sentence does not require any punctuation, leave it as it is.**

27. I play basketball and volleyball.
28. I love to play basketball and I love to watch football.
29. Michelle and Michael ate lots of popcorn and drank lots of pop.
30. She loves country music he loves rock and roll.
31. She received the scholarship because she had a 4.0 grade average.
32. Since it is Thursday night I will watch ER.
33. Bill does well in science yet he does not like the class.
34. Because he has asthma he is not to play soccer this year.
35. Susie has to do her homework and do her chores.
36. Mary loves her job for she believes helping people is great work.